

Homeland Security Update

"Ensure a safe and secure Washington for the 21st Century"

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HOMELAND SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS

The June edition of the Homeland Security Newsletter features an article written by the new Chief of the Washington State Patrol. We welcome [Chief John Batiste](#) to his new position as well as [Jim Tompkins](#), Protective Security Advisor for the Seattle District, Department of Homeland Security and [Captain Stephen Metruck](#) as the Commander, United States Coast Guard Sector, Seattle.

The [Civil Air Patrol](#) welcomes a new Cessna 182 aircraft with satellite digital imaging capability, while the [Washington State Emergency Management Association](#) welcomes you to apply for their scholarship opportunity and the [Washington State Department of Education](#) welcomes you to apply for available grants. If you are seeking volunteer opportunities, the U.S. Coast Guard welcomes you to their [Northwest Watch](#) program, while [Washington State Citizen Corps](#) celebrates a successful Citizen Emergency Response Training event.

Building partnerships is the central theme of Team Washington Homeland Security daily

business. Partnership opportunities are available at the Partners in Preparedness Conference in April 2006, by participating in [NIMCAST](#), or seeking opportunities to participate in upcoming Events and Exercises which will be as rewarding as [Cascade Fury III](#), or the Department of Health [Bio-Terrorism Response Exercise](#).

As we continue to welcome new team members and build our partnerships, the State 911 program grows in capability with a Frame Relay Upgrade, providing redundancy and diversity to the [Enhanced 9-1-1 network](#) and our Homeland Security Regions continue their building their National Preparedness Goal "[Elements of Capability](#)" through energetic engagement in [Personnel](#), [Planning](#), [Organization and Leadership](#), [Equipment and Systems](#), and [Training](#) to build a more secure Washington.

The Homeland Security Newsletter is produced bi-monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec) through the combined efforts of Team Washington Partners. Please send articles, announcements, helpful links and events for the next issue by August 15, 2005 to Amy Cook, Homeland Security Strategic Planner at Amy.Cook@mil.wa.gov.



WSP WELCOMES CHIEF JOHN BATISTE

*Story and Photo courtesy of the
Washington State Patrol*

I was honored to be appointed as the 21st Chief of the Washington State Patrol by Governor Gregoire on February 14, 2005. The 2,100 dedicated men and women who are the State Patrol work everyday to make a difference for the citizens of this great State and I have seen many changes in the department since I began my career some 27 years ago.

The State Patrol is made of six bureaus which include field operations, fire protection, forensic lab services, investigative services, management services, and technical services.

Living in a post 9-1-1 country where you must be prepared and ready to respond to anything is always a concern of mine. Homeland Security has a role of major importance in the State Patrol, and changes how we do our job on a daily basis. One of those changes was the birth of the Vessel and Terminal Security (VATS) division, on March 10, 2005.

VATS is a partnership with the Washington State Ferry (WSF) system, and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Washington State Patrol. The WSF system is the largest ferry system in the United States. In fiscal year 1999, the WSF system carried over 11 million vehicles and 26 million people – over one million more

walk-on and vehicle passengers and 500,000 more vehicles and drivers than in fiscal year 1997. Both the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security have been warning that public transportation and ferry systems are vulnerable to a potential terrorist attack.

VATS encompasses vessel security for the entire WSF fleet and terminal security in five Western Washington counties: Clallam, Island, King, Kitsap, and Snohomish. There are currently 64 employees assigned to public safety, explosives detection, traffic control, and public assistance services on Washington State ferry routes. The division is headquartered in Seattle, while satellite detachment offices are located in Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Marysville.

The Washington State Patrol depends upon its ability to communicate with citizens and its public safety partners to fulfill its many missions. We are actively involved in several projects and programs focused on improving communications across jurisdictional boundaries. These activities include actively participating in the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), partnering with the Department of Justice in their Integrated Wireless Network (IWN) project, and participating in the Olympic Public Safety Communication Alliance Network (OPSCAN) in Clallam County.

I am also proud of the State Patrol's involvement and support of the "Statewide Integrated Intelligence Plan" which involves an all crimes approach to domestic and international terrorism prevention. This plan was a joint proposal of the Governor's Committee on Homeland Security, Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Washington State Patrol.

The plan recognizes that the development of a useful anti-terrorism intelligence and analytical capacity needs to be fostered by the development of intelligence at the local, regional, state, and federal levels. The plan includes two

general concepts: A central anti-terrorism intelligence and analytical center (Washington Joint Analytical Center) and regional intelligence groups.

Today, the Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC) is operational and currently supervised by a State Patrol sergeant. WAJAC provides a central point (fusion center) for all terrorism related tips collected by law enforcement, citizens, and others. By the end of this calendar year, nine regional intelligence groups will be in operation throughout the state to collect terrorism related intelligence at the local level and will provide an expeditious method of supplying critical information to

law enforcement and other critical stakeholders involved in the ongoing efforts to detect, disrupt, deter, and prevent acts of terrorism. Moreover, the State Patrol is in the process of hiring 20 contract analysts to support the efforts of WAJAC and the regional intelligence groups through the use of federal grant monies provided by the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

Events and Meetings

July - August 2005

June 30-July 5, 2005 - Tall Ships of Tacoma Festival, for details visit <http://www.tallshipstacoma.com/>

July 2-August 7, 2005 - SEAFAIR 2005 - for details call (206) 728-0123, e-mail SEAFAIR at info@SEAFAIR.com or visit www.seafair.com

July 6, 2005 - Committee on Homeland Security, Camp Murray, Washington, Building 104, for details contact Dan Staber at d.staber@emd.wa.gov or 253-512-7468

July 7, 2005 - Emergency Management Council, Camp Murray, Washington, Building 104, for details contact Walt Swenson at w.swenson@emd.wa.gov or 253-512-7462.

July 11, 2005 - Homeland Security Region 6, Strategic Planning Session, King County Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center in Renton

July 15, 2005 - Homeland Security Regional Meeting, Spokane, Washington, for more details contact Max Messman at m.messman@emd.wa.gov or 253-512-7010

August 3, 2005 - Committee on Homeland Security (tentative date), Camp Murray, for details, contact Dan Staber at d.staber@emd.wa.gov or 253-512-7468

August 28-31 - 2005 NEMA Annual Conference, Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska for conference details, visit the National Association of State Emergency Management Directors webpage at <http://www.nemaweb.org/>

Announcements

PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR ARRIVES IN SEATTLE

James W. Tompkins, Jr. was appointed as the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) - Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for the Seattle District on May 2, 2005. The role of the Protective Security Advisor is to: support the development of the national risk picture by assisting in identification, assessment, monitoring, and minimizing risk to critical assets at the local or district level; facilitate, coordinate, and/or perform vulnerability assessments for local critical infrastructures and key resources and upon request, assist with security efforts coordinated by state Homeland Security Advisors. The Seattle District includes the entire State of Washington and Jim may be reached at 206-220-6612 (Office), 253-514-9549 (Cell) or james.tompkins@dhs.gov.

U.S. COAST GUARD CHANGE OF COMMAND

Captain Stephen Metruck relieved Captain Danny Ellis as Commander of U. S. Coast Guard Sector Seattle during a ceremony held at Terminal 30, Seattle on June 17, 2005.

For ceremony details, visit the U.S. Coast Guard Thirteenth District webpage at:

<https://www.piersystem.com/>

WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JOEL AGGERGAARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline for applications for this educational scholarship is **September 30, 2005**. For more information, contact Joann Boggs, Director, Pond Oreille County Emergency Management, (509) 447-3731, jboggs@povn.com. The application is available on the Washington State Emergency Management Association Web Site at <http://www.wsema.org/>

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: PARTNERS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Researchers, scholars, and practitioners in emergency management are invited to participate in the Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held April 18-19, 2006. If you are interested in making a presentation at the 2006 conference, send an abstract or brief description of your topic no later than August 31, 2005, to John Labadie, Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference; (206) 684-8311; e-mail: john.labadie@seattle.gov.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT SUPPORT TOOL (NIMCAST)

Paul McNeil, the Emergency Management Division's, Emergency Operations Section Manager, has been designated as the NIMCAST administrator for Washington. NIMCAST is designed to assist in achieving compliance by allowing agencies and jurisdictions to assess their current capabilities and determine what additional actions and resources are needed to effectively participate in the NIMS. NIMCAST is a permission-based system and users are invited by the next higher level to complete the assessment. For more information contact Paul McNeil at p.mcneil@emd.wa.gov or visit <http://www.fema.gov/nimcast> for fact sheets on NIMCAST

Around the State Around the State



SCHOOLS FIND WAYS TO RESPOND TO CRISIS

To date, the Department of Education (ED) has given nearly \$68 million to 243 different school district to assist school leaders in responding to everything from natural disasters to terrorist acts as part of their School Emergency Response and Crisis Management Plan Discretionary Grant Program. In Washington, the Puget Sound Educational Service District (ESD) won one of the one of the largest grants. The ESD \$852,000 grant will support work with school emergency managers to enhance current plans, training, drills, events, and debriefing and recovery response skills. ED intends to award more than \$27 million in more Emergency Response grants in FY05, and President Bush has included funding for the program in his FY06 budget. If you are interested in applying for a grant, the next funding cycle is scheduled to open in June. Visit <http://www.ed.gov> or contact Craig Apperson, School Safety & Security Program Supervisor, (360) 725-6056 or capperson@ospi.wednet.edu. Web Site: www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/ for more details. *Excerpts from an article previously published in the 'Grants for Cities and Towns Hotline' newsletter; permission granted for re-publication by the Quinlan Publishing Group".*

SYSTEM UPGRADE SPEEDS DELIVERY OF 9-1-1 CALLER LOCATION INFORMATION

The Qwest Frame Relay Upgrade and Dual Tandem projects replaced outdated equipment with state-of-the-art technology, providing redundancy and diversity to the 9-1-1 network and allowing for faster delivery of automatic location identification of a 9-1-1 caller. The upgrade, completed June 30, cost the State E911 Program \$1.6 million dollar and affects all Washington counties with Qwest services with the exclusion of King County. For more information contact Penelope Cassidy, E911 Public Education Coordinator, p.cassidy@emd.wa.gov or (253) 512-7016.



Civil Air Patrol performs search and rescue, disaster relief, counterdrug reconnaissance and homeland security missions — at a fraction of the cost of other agencies.

CIVIL AIR PATROL ON CUTTING EDGE

Story and Photo Courtesy of Ernie Schnabler

The Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Washington Wing took delivery of its first Cessna 182T Skylane aircraft on 20 May 2005. The Washington Wing operates 13 aircraft - three C206s, one Maule, and nine C182s - positioned in strategic locations throughout the State and used for a variety of missions

including: aerial imaging, communications, emergency transport and reconnaissance.

CAP frequently uses the C182 as a platform for missions requiring satellite-transmitted digital imaging. In those cases, the new aircraft's interior layout accommodates the crew and equipment necessary to take highest-quality digital photos from the air and transmit them immediately in almost real-time via satellite phone and laptop to any pre-identified, possibly secure email address on the ground. Additional funding is being sought to equip Washington Wing's other aircraft with this "eye-in-the-sky" system. For more information on CAP, go to www.cap.gov or contact Ernie Schnabler, Col, CAP, Commander, Washington Wing, at 253-982-2213, or schnabler@military.com.



The U.S. Coast Guard is looking for volunteers who live near Puget Sound for its Northwest Watch program. The only requirements are that volunteers must have access to a phone and a marine view from their home. For more information or to volunteer for Northwest Watch, call 206-220-7237. To report suspicious activity on or near the water, call the National Response Center at 800-424-8802 or 877-24WATCH.

NORTHWEST WATCH HELPS COAST GUARD SAVE LIVES

Story and Photo provided by the USCG

With more than 3,000 miles of shoreline in the state of Washington, keeping track of boating safety and water hazards can be a daunting task. The Coast Guard has initiated a program called Northwest Watch to make tracking these large masses of water a more efficient undertaking.

Northwest Watch is a program involving Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary members and civilian volunteers that live along the waters of Puget Sound. Program participants have their home addresses represented on a map of the Puget Sound in the

Coast Guards computer system. When the Coast Guard gets a call about any trouble in the water they check their computer and see if they have any volunteers in that area.

If they do, they call the volunteers and ask them to check on the situation. If the call ends up being a false alarm, the Coast Guard saves money and manpower by not deploying to the area. If the call is a requires Coast Guard response, resources are dispatched efficient matter.

The Northwest Watch program running in the states of

Washington and Oregon, saves the Coast Guard an estimated \$5,000 a month. Increasing the amount of volunteers in the program will lead to more estimated savings.

There are currently 124 Northwest Watch members. The Coast Guard is looking for any volunteers for Northwest Watch program, specifically, volunteers who live in residences overlooking shoreline and navigated waterways. For more information about Northwest watch call (206) 220-7237 or visit www.uscg.mil/d13/nwwatch/.
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*******FIRST RESPONDERS GET A WORKOUT DURING CASCADE FURY III*******

Story and photos by Sgt. Dan Purcell, Staff Writer for the Washington Military Department

Cascade Fury III, held on May 11-13, 2005, was a joint United States Department of Transportation and Department of Defense exercise. The three day event offered the 200 attendees a real world scenario centered on the possible eruption of Mount Rainier and emphasized the need for closer collaboration between statewide participants in the event of a national catastrophe by synchronizing rescue and recovery teams. For more details, contact the Washington National Guard Public Affairs Office at paowa@wa.ngb.army.mil or 253-512-8481.



Cameras roll in Camas, Washington as law enforcement officers investigate the source of a simulated bacteria release during a recent bioterrorism exercise.

BIOTERRORISM EXERCISE TESTS STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANS

Photo and Article Courtesy of Larry Champine, Washington State Department of Health

On May 23-25, 2005, the Washington State Department of Health and Washington Emergency Management Division held the state's first state-level full-scale bioterrorism response exercise.

During the event, participants from all levels of government used local, regional and state emergency preparedness plans to respond to a simulated bioterrorism event – the release of the bacteria that causes tularemia. Tularemia is an infectious disease not typically seen in humans.

The exercise began with large numbers of “victims” entering hospitals and clinics in southwest Washington with an unidentified illness. Public health personnel investigated. As the number of patients grew, health care providers turned to local response agencies and the state for help. Laboratory tests revealed that the simulated unknown disease was tularemia.

The State Department of Health requested antibiotics from the federal government's Strategic National Stockpile in response to a local

request for resources. Department of Health personnel received and re-packaged the antibiotics and distributed them to dispensing centers. The exercise ended with the discovery of the vehicle used to spread the tularemia bacteria followed by a joint law enforcement/epidemiological investigation.

The Emergency Management Division and the Department of Health will stage similar state-level response exercises annually. Planning has already begun for the 2006 exercise which will be held in Pierce County. For further information contact Dan Banks at 360-236-4539 or email Dan.Banks@doh.wa.gov



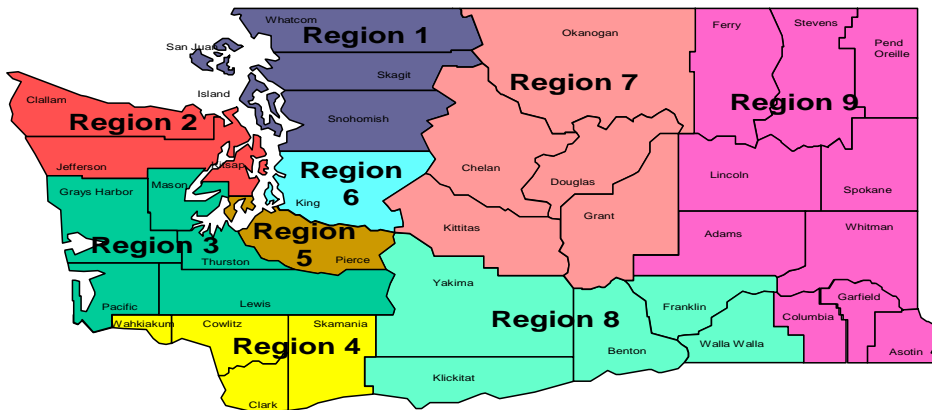
WASHINGTON STATE CITIZEN'S CORP HOSTS THE NATIONAL PILOT FOR AN ABILITY ORIENTED COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (CERT).

During the last week of April 2005, forty-two participants attended Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), part of the new Citizen Corps initiatives and programs. Attendees came from all around Washington, Colorado, Washington D.C., New Mexico, Oregon, and Alaska to spend four days in hands-on course work.

On the fifth day they participated in an earthquake disaster simulation where they had to assess the scene, set up a command structure, search for victims and triage each one. Once victims had been identified, they were extricated from the site and taken to an established medical treatment area.

The CERT team instructors were honored to learn from this group of individuals about how their strengths and life lessons truly show that everyone has a role in preparedness and everybody has a roll on a CERT team. For more information on the Citizen Corps Program, contact Karin Frinell-Hanrahan at 360.725.5290 or Karin.Frinell-Hanrahan@ofm.wa.gov.

Building Capabilities Around the Regions



Personnel, Planning, Organization & Leadership, Equipment & Systems, and Training and Exercises, Evaluations, and Corrective Actions are the Elements of Capability identified in the Interim National Preparedness Goal, page 8, published March 31, 2005 - our regions work diligently to build these capabilities!

Personnel	Paid and volunteer staff who meet relevant qualification and certification standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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Dean Curtis accepting recognition from Region 7 lead Sam Lorenz, for a job well done as Region 7 Coordinator on May 20, 2005

On May 20, 2005, Region 7 gave a special recognition to Mr Dean Curtis for the work he achieved for WA State Homeland Security Region Seven, before a gathering of Washington State Homeland Security Programmers, and fellow Emergency Managers. Region 7 now has five functional Emergency Management

programs, and a regional concept for emergency operations which has been and continues to be tested through regional exercises. Each County has an updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with a terrorism annex and training opportunities are available for volunteers as well as responders.

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Planning	Collection and analysis of intelligence and information, and development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies, and other publications that comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidance necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ Region 2 Tribal Planner, Cherrie Crowell worked with the Makah, Lower Elwha Klallam and Quileute Tribes to develop, write and implement the tribes first Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans(CEMP).
- ❖ Clark County in Region 4, has developed a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation Plan, which has been shared with the other County Directors of Emergency Management (DEM)s to use in their effort to conform with the NIMS compliance requirements.
- ❖ Region 6 published its draft Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan on June 22, 2005.
- ❖ The Region 8 planning group continues to develop strategies that will benefit the entire region. Video conferencing is used to allow rural counties to participate in developing improved based on lessons learned from previous exercises.

Organization and Leadership	Individual teams, an overall organizational structure, and leadership at each level in the structure that comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidance necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ Region 6 (geographic King County) received the National Association of Counties (NaCO) 2005 Achievement Award for “A Regional Approach to Homeland Security.” Region 6's approach combined twelve different areas of collaboration from high technology concepts to face-to-face interaction which helped build trust between levels of government and other public/private organizations. This collaborative approach a necessary component for successfully developing and implementing regional homeland security goals, and leads the way for accomplishing federal mandates currently employed by the National Response Plan and National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- ❖ Franklin County in Region 8 is conducting presentations on terrorism, disaster preparedness, and basic awareness for community groups within the county.

Equipment and Systems	Major items of equipment, supplies, facilities, and systems that comply with relevant standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ Region 6 equipment projects include interoperable communications, detection, first response and critical infrastructure protection equipment.
- ❖ Walla Walla County in Region 8 is working on a Joint Information System (JIS) process for communicating within the county for the need of multi-agency communications. The plan includes training public information officers and developing a Joint Information Center.
- ❖ Region 9 is working together to build redundancy in its communications system and has purchased Web Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Training for Web EOC is scheduled to start in July 2005.

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Training	Content and methods of delivery that comply with relevant training standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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Region 5 PCNET Training



- ❖ Pierce County Emergency Management in Region 5 is reaching into neighborhoods with an innovative program to help neighbors plan to respond to emergencies while building crime-resistant communities. Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams (PC-NET) brings neighbors together to plan for an effective response to any kind of disaster. Teaming up with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, neighbors learn that following a disaster they may be on their own for at least 72 hours and there is something they can do to help themselves and each other. PC-NET is community-building in action.
- ❖ Region 3 worked with Mason County Fire District 5 to deliver Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to the isolated community of Harstine Island. With the average age in the class being 65 years old, the participants were able to recall numerous emergencies and disasters that they had encountered over the years including detailed memories of the Columbus Day Storm of 1962! In addition to the basic CERT curriculum, Eric Moore, Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Mason County Fire District 5, led the class through adult and infant CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) training.
- ❖ This spring, Region 4 has trained over 100 personnel in Train-The-Trainer courses including Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness, Region IV Terrorism Incident Plan – Concept of Operations, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Self Defense Kit (SDK) Application, and Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Training
- ❖ Region 8 held a variety of training sessions for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Programs in Benton-Franklin-Walla Walla and Yakima. Additional training for Urban Search and Rescue and Advanced Terrorism and a Chemical Depot Exercise should boost Region 8's ability to continue to recruit CERT volunteers.
- ❖ Both Regions 6 and 8 are conducting IS-700 - Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training around their regions this summer.
- ❖ All Region 8 Counties are in the progress of providing Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness training to first responders and top officials.
- ❖ Region 9 continues to send select personnel to Socorro, New Mexico; Anniston, Alabama; and Las Vegas, NV., for specialized C.B.R.N.E. training. The region is also encouraging all disciplines to go on-line to complete NIMS and CBRNE courses.

<p>Exercises, Evaluations, and Corrective Actions</p>	<p>Exercises, self-assessments, peer-assessments, outside review, compliance monitoring, and actual major events that provide opportunities to demonstrate, evaluate, and improve the combined capability and interoperability of the other elements to perform assigned missions and tasks to standards necessary to achieve successful outcomes.</p>
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- ❖ Regions 2 and 7 participated in a wildfire tabletop focused on fire mobilization plans.
- ❖ Region 4 exercises focused on Bioterrorism, Mass Clinic Implementation, Nuclear Decontamination, Explosive Devices and Chemical Hazards.
- ❖ Region 6 exercises included topics such as: a Terrorism Barge Explosion Drill; Weapons of Mass Destruction; Hazardous Materials and the Marine Terrorism Response Plan.
- ❖ Region 8 has a number of training exercises scheduled this summer including: a SWAT exercise; a Public Health Tabletop; a United States Post Office Tabletop on Biohazard Detection Systems; Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) planning.
- ❖ Region 9's exercise schedule includes: a Bio-terrorism tabletop exercises; a cross border tabletop exercise; and a Public Health Functional Exercise.

Link Fest

[Automated Exercise & Assessment System](#) - developed by National Guard Bureau, AEAS provides efficient and cost-effective training and readiness assessment for the Emergency Responder Community.

[America's Waterway Watch](#)- a national awareness program that asks those who work, live, or recreate on or near the water to be aware of suspicious activity that might indicate threats to our country's homeland security.

[Citizen Corps](#) - The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through *education, training, and volunteer service* to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

[Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory \(EPRI\)](#) - a tool allowing local or regional planners to assemble an inventory of critical resources that would be useful in responding to a bioterrorist attack.

[Homeland Security Funding Week](#) - Get quickly up to speed on the latest actions affecting homeland security funding.

[Homeland Security Publications](#) - Washington State Publications

[Homeland Security State Strategic Plan](#) - Current revision as of June 9, 2005.

[Lessons Learned Information Sharing](#) - Department of Homeland Security Publications.

[Northwest Watch](#) - Northwest Watch is a program involving Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary members and civilian volunteers that live along these masses of water, including the Puget Sound.

Acronym Round-Up

CAP - Civil Air Patrol

CBRNE - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

DEM - Director of Emergency Management

DHS -Department of Homeland Security

DOH - Department of Health

EM - Emergency Management

EMD - Emergency Management Division (Washington Military Department)

EMS - Emergency Medical Services

EOC - Emergency Operations Center

EPRI - Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory

ESD - Educational Service District

HAZMAT - Hazardous Materials

HLS - Homeland Security

IWN - Integrated Wireless Network

MTR - Marine Terrorism Response (Project)

NaCO - National Association of Counties

NIMCAST - National Incident Management System Capabilities Assessment Support Tool

NIMS - National Incident Management System

NPG - National Preparedness Goal

OPSCAN - Olympic Public Safety Communication Alliance Network

ODP - Office of Domestic Preparedness (DHS)

PC-NET - Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams

SIEC - State Interoperability Executive Committee

T-T-T - Train the Trainer Courses

TTX - Table-Top Exercise

USCG - United States Coast Guard

VATS - Vessel and Terminal Security (Division within WSP)

WAJAC - Washington Joint Analytical Center

WMD - Weapons of Mass Destruction

WSDOT - Washington State Department of Transportation

WSEMA - Washington State Emergency Managers Association

WSF - Washington State Ferry

WSP - Washington State Patrol